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ANNCR:

"THIS WEEK."

FROM THE VOICE OF AMERICA, THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK GONE BY...A LOOK AT SOME OF THE EVENTS, A CROSS-SECTION OF THE IDEAS, AND THE VOICES OF SOME OF THE PEOPLE WHO MADE NEWS DURING THE PAST SEVEN DAYS. YOUR NARRATOR IS-----.

NARR:

NATIONAL ELECTIONS WERE HELD IN THE UNITED STATES THIS WEEK TO SELECT THE 435 MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, ONE-THIRD OF THE SENATE AND NUMEROUS STATE AND LOCAL OFFICEHOLDERS. AFTER ALL THE RESULTS WERE IN, IT WAS CLEAR THAT THE REPUBLICANS MADE SOME IMPRESSIVE GAINS, PARTICULARLY IN THE SENATE. BUT ACTUAL PARTY CONTROL OF THE CONGRESS REMAINED FIRMLY IN THE HANDS OF THE DEMOCRATS. SO DOES CONTROL OF THE MAJORITY OF STATE GOVERNORSHIPS.

WHEN CONGRESS CONVENES IN JANUARY, THERE WILL BE SOME NEW FACES, AS WELL AS SOME CONSPICUOUS ABSENCES. SENATOR EDWARD BROOKE OF MASSACHUSETTS WILL BE GONE, AS WILL DICK CLARK OF IOWA AND ROBERT GRIFFIN OF MICHIGAN. BOTH SENATORS CLARK AND GRIFFIN HAD SERVED ON THE INFLUENTIAL FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE.

AMONG THE NEW SENATORS WILL BE NANCY KASSEBAUM, A REPUBLICAN FROM KANSAS AND THE FIRST WOMAN TO BE ELECTED TO THE SENATE IN TWELVE YEARS.

WHILE IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO PREDICT HOW THE NEW SENATORS WILL VOTE ON SPECIFIC ISSUES, IT SEEMS LIKELY THAT THE NEW SENATE WILL BE SOMEWHAT MORE CONSERVATIVE THAN ITS PREDECESSOR. SIX

OF THE SEVEN SENATORS DEFEATED IN TUESDAY'S ELECTION ARE CONSIDERED LIBERALS. IN MOST CASES THEY WERE REPLACED BY CONSERVATIVES.

THE DAY AFTER THE ELECTION, PRESIDENT CARTER AND DEMOCRATIC PARTY OFFICIALS ASSESSED THE RESULTS, AS WE HEAR FROM VOA WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENT PHILOMENA JUREY:

TAPE: CUT ONE -- JUREY

"PRESIDENT CARTER SPENT A FAIRLY QUIET ELECTION NIGHT FOLLOWING THE RETURNS WITH HIS WIFE ROSALYNN AND MAKING ABOUT TWO DOZEN TELEPHONE CALLS, AS HE PUT IT, CONGRATULATING THE WINNERS AND CONSOLING THE LOSERS. MOST OF HIS CALLS WERE TO DEMOCRATIC PARTY CANDIDATES FOR WHOM HE HAD CAMPAIGNED. HE ALSO CONFERRED BY TELEPHONE WITH THE PARTY'S NATIONAL CHAIRMAN JOHN WHITE. ONE OF THE BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENTS FOR THE PRESIDENT AND FOR VICE-PRESIDENT WALTER MONDALE, IS THE LOSS OF TWO U.S. SENATE SEATS TO REPUBLICANS IN MINNESOTA. MINNESOTA IS THE VICE-PRESIDENT'S HOME STATE. MISTER MONDALE MADE FREQUENT APPEARANCES THERE AND THE PRESIDENT CAMPAIGNED THERE TWICE."

NARR:

IN OTHER NEWS THIS WEEK, THE INSTALLATION OF A MILITARY GOVERNMENT IN IRAN PUT A STOP TO THE DISORDER WHICH THE COUNTRY HAD BEEN EXPERIENCING FOR THE PAST FEW DAYS. IN A BROADCAST TO THE NATION EARLIER IN THE WEEK, THE SHAH OF IRAN SAID THE LATEST DISTURBANCES AND STRIKES HAD LEFT HIM NO CHOICE BUT TO CALL IN THE ARMY. HE PROMISED TO FORM GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNITY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO PREPARE FOR FREE ELECTIONS.

THE NEW IRANIAN PRIME MINISTER, GHOLAM-REZA AZHARI, IS A SIXTY-ONE-YEAR-OLD GENERAL WHO HAS BEEN CHIEF OF THE GENERAL STAFF SINCE 1971.

LATER IN THE WEEK, THE NEWLY-INSTALLED MILITARY GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED THE ARREST OF A DOZEN PROMINENT PEOPLE IN IRAN, SUSPECTED OF COMMITTING ILLEGAL ACTS -- AMONG THEM A FORMER

CHIEF OF THE IRANIAN SECRET POLICE AND A FORMER PRIME MINISTER. BY WEEK'S END, DIPLOMATIC SOURCES IN TEHERAN EXPRESSED THE FEELING THAT AT THE MOMENT THE SHAH IS IN CONTROL OF THE SITUATION. IT IS BELIEVED THAT THE FUTURE OF THE PRESENT MILITARY GOVERNMENT -- AND ULTIMATELY OF THE MONARCHY ITSELF -- DEPENDS VERY VERY MUCH ON WHAT HAPPENS IN COMING WEEKS. VOA CORRESPONDENT CHARLES WEISS REPORTS FROM TEHERAN:

TAPE: CUT TWO -- WEISS

"ACCORDING TO DIPLOMATS STATIONED HERE, IF THE GOVERNMENT MANAGES TO MAINTAIN LAW AND ORDER AND THE STRIKES START TO TAPER OFF, THE FENCE-SITTING MIDDLE CLASS -- ALREADY APPREHENSIVE ABOUT WHAT THE UNKNOWN MAY BRING -- WILL SWING MORE AND MORE AROUND TO COOPERATION WITH THE SHAH. IN THE CONFRONTATION WITH AYATOLLAH KHOMEINY, THE EXILED MOSLEM SAGE WHO HAS BEEN PRESSING THE LATEST UNREST, THE DIPLOMATS FEEL THAT NERVE WILL PREVAIL. THE AYATOLLAH'S UNCOMPROMISING DEMAND THAT THE SHAH MUST GO AND THE PAHLEVI DYNASTY BE REPLACED BY AN ISLAMIC REPUBLIC COULD PROVE ATTRACTIVE ONLY SO LONG AS IT SEEMED THE SHAH WAS ON THE RUN. THESE DIPLOMATS BELIEVE THAT IF THE GOVERNMENT SUCCEEDS IN GOVERNING, AYATOLLAH KHOMEINY'S INTRANSIGENCE WILL ONLY ALIENATE HIS DISCIPLES IN IRAN."

NARR:

NEGOTIATIONS FOR A PEACE TREATY BETWEEN EGYPT AND ISRAEL CONTINUED IN WASHINGTON THIS WEEK AMID REPORTS THAT NEW DIFFICULTIES HAVE SURFACED IN THE DISCUSSIONS. THE EGYPTIAN DELEGATION REPORTEDLY TOLD SECRETARY OF STATE CYRUS VANCE THAT PRESIDENT SADAT IS DEMANDING STRONGER, MORE SPECIFIC LANGUAGE LINKING AN EGYPTIAN-ISRAEL PEACE PACT TO FAR-REACHING NEGOTIATIONS ON THE FUTURE OF THE WEST BANK AND THE GAZA STRIP. BUT THE EGYPTIAN DEMAND IS EXACTLY THE OPPOSITE OF THE ONE CONVEYED BY THE ISRAELI DELEGATION DURING THE WEEK'S NEGOTIATIONS. THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT IS INSISTING ON A SOFTENING OF ALL LANGUAGE LINKING THE TREATY TO THE PALESTINIAN ISSUE. VOA CORRESPONDENT MARK WILLEN HAS DETAILS:

TAPE: CUT THREE -- WILLEN

"THE NEW DEMANDS APPEAR TO BE A SETBACK FOR THE NEGOTIATORS. LAST WEEK, THE DELEGATIONS HERE IN WASHINGTON AGREED TO A COMPROMISE ON THE LONG-STANDING LINKAGE ISSUE. THEY DECIDED TO INCLUDE A GENERAL STATEMENT OF LINKAGE IN THE PREAMBLE OF THE TREATY AND MORE SPECIFIC LANGUAGE -- INCLUDING DATES FOR THE START OF WEST BANK NEGOTIATIONS -- IN A SEPARATE EXCHANGE OF LETTERS. BUT THE CAREFULLY WORDED OUT COMPROMISE WAS REJECTED BY BOTH GOVERNMENTS AND NOW THE DISAPPOINTED NEGOTIATORS MUST TRY ONCE AGAIN TO RESOLVE THE ISSUE."

NARR:

EGYPT IS DEMANDING A STRONG LINK BECAUSE IT DOES NOT WANT TO APPEAR TO BE ABANDONING THE PALESTINIAN CAUSE. ISRAEL IS OBJECTING BECAUSE IT BELIEVES THE EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI TREATY MUST STAND ON ITS OWN AND BECAUSE IT BELIEVES ITS COMMITMENT TO NEGOTIATE THE PALESTINIAN ISSUE IS ALREADY INCLUDED IN THE CAMP DAVID AGREEMENTS.

AT A PRESS CONFERENCE, IN RESPONSE TO A NEWSMAN'S QUESTION, PRESIDENT CARTER REAFFIRMED THAT THE EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI PEACE TREATY MUST BE TIED IN ULTIMATELY IN SOME WAY TO FURTHER AGREEMENTS COVERING THE WEST BANK AND OTHER OCCUPIED TERRITORY. MISTER CARTER SAID HE FAVORED THE LANGUAGE ON THE LINKAGE ISSUE INCLUDED BY NEGOTIATORS IN THE PREAMBLE OF THE DRAFT TREATY. BUT HE STRESSED THAT THE UNITED STATES WOULD NOT TRY TO FORCE ITS VIEWS ON THE OTHER PARTIES:

TAPE: CUT FOUR -- CARTER

"I THINK THAT THE PRESENT LANGUAGE AS APPROVED BY THE NEGOTIATORS IS ADEQUATE, AND OUR PRESUMPTION IS TO ADHERE TO THAT LANGUAGE AS OUR PREFERENCE. BUT I WOULD LIKE TO POINT OUT WE ARE NOT TRYING TO IMPOSE OUR WILL ON THE LEADERS THEMSELVES OR ON OTHER NATIONS. AND WE HOPE THAT THEY WILL RAPIDLY REACH A CONCLUSION. THERE IS NO DOUBT IN MY MIND THAT THIS KIND OF DIFFERENCE IN LANGUAGE AND HOW A LINKAGE IS ACTUALLY EXPRESSED IS A MATTER FOR NEGOTIATIONS. IT DOES NOT VIOLATE THE COMMITMENTS MADE AT CAMP DAVID."

UGANDAN PRESIDENT IDI AMIN ANNOUNCED THIS WEEK HIS WILLINGNESS TO WITHDRAW HIS FORCES FROM CAPTURED TANZANIAN TERRITORY UNDER THE PROTECTION OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY. THE WITHDRAWAL WOULD BE CONDITIONED ON GUARANTEES BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE OAU THAT TANZANIA WILL NEVER INVADE UGANDA AGAIN AND NO LONGER WILL ASSIST UGANDAN EXILES IN TANZANIA IN EFFORTS TO OVERTHROW THE AMIN GOVERNMENT. PRESIDENT IDI AMIN ALSO SAID HE DOES NOT WANT TO KEEP ONE INCH OF TANZANIAN TERRITORY. THE UGANDAN LEADER ORIGINALLY ANNOUNCED THAT THE "KAGERA SALIENT," A STRIP OF LAND BETWEEN THE OLD BORDER AND THE KAGERA RIVER TO THE WEST OF THE LAKE VICTORIA, HAD BEEN ANNEXED BY UGANDA. HIS TROOPS DESTROYED THE ONLY BRIDGE LINKING THE AREA TO TANZANIA, AND THE UGANDAN PRESIDENT DECLARED THE RIVER TO BE THE NEW SOUTHERN BOUNDARY OF UGANDA. SO FAR, TANZANIAN PRESIDENT JULIUS NYERERE HAS INSISTED THAT HIS COUNTRY IS NOT INTERESTED IN MEDIATION. VOA CORRESPONDENT BOB CHANCELLOR HAS FURTHER DETAILS:

TAPE: CUT FIVE -- CHANCELLOR

"TANZANIA HAS DENIED THAT ITS TROOPS EVER INVADED UGANDA IN THE FIRST PLACE, ADDING THAT CLAIMS OF THAT WERE A SMOKESCREEN BY PRESIDENT AMIN TO MASK A DIVISIVENESS WITHIN ELEMENTS OF HIS OWN ARMY. AND TANZANIAN PRESIDENT NYERERE HAS INSISTED HE IS NOT INTERESTED IN MEDIATION OF THE ISSUE, BUT INSTEAD HAS VOWED TO PUSH THE UGANDANS OUT OF THE SEIZED TERRITORY AND TO RID AFRICA OF THE UGANDAN PRESIDENT."

NARR:

IN OTHER AFRICAN DEVELOPMENTS THIS WEEK, THE UNITED STATES SAID AT THE UNITED NATIONS THAT IT IS CONTINUING TO WORK WITH BRITAIN TO BRING ABOUT AN ALL-PARTIES CONFERENCE IN RHODESIA. SPEAKING FOR THE UNITED STATES, AMERICAN DELEGATE JOHN HECHINGER TOLD A U.N. COMMITTEE THAT THE U.S. OBJECTIVE NOW IS TO DETERMINE WHETHER

SMITH'S SERIOUSNESS IN AGREEING TO AN ALL-PARTIES CONFERENCE. MISTER HECHINGER SAID THE UNITED STATES FEELS THE RHODESIAN PRIME MINISTER IS UNDER GREAT PRESSURE TO ACHIEVE A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT IN THE NEAR FUTURE. HE NOTED THE LARGE NUMBER OF WHITES LEAVING RHODESIA AND SAID THIS IS THE RESULT OF THE SUCCESSFUL APPLICATION OF IN SANCTIONS, AND THE UNREMITTING STRUGGLE FOR LIBERATION BY THE PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE:

TAPE: CUT SIX -- HECINGER

"THE PRESENT RHODESIAN REGIME CANNOT CONTINUE TO SUSTAIN ITSELF WHILE UNDER SUCH PRESSURES. IT CANNOT OBTAIN THE INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION WHICH IT NEEDS TO SURVIVE. AND IN THIS REGARD, I ASSURE THIS BODY THAT THE UNITED STATES DOES NOT RECOGNIZE, AND HAS NO INTENTION OF RECOGNIZING, THE ILLEGAL SMITH REGIME -- NOR OF LIFTING SANCTIONS AGAINST IT."

NARR:

IN SOUTH AFRICA THIS WEEK, CONNIE MULDER, THE MINISTER IN CHARGE OF BLACK AFFAIRS ANNOUNCED HIS RESIGNATION FROM THE CABINET IN THE WAKE OF ALLEGATIONS THAT HE WAS INVOLVED IN A MAJOR SCANDAL INVOLVING MISUSE OF GOVERNMENT FUNDS IN THE NOW DEFUNCT INFORMATION MINISTRY WHICH HE HEADED.

LATER IN THE WEEK, SOUTH AFRICAN PRIME MINISTER PIETER BOTHA CONCEDED THAT THE RULING NATIONAL PARTY FACES A CRISIS OVER THE SCANDAL. BUT HE EXPRESSED THE BELIEF THAT THE PARTY COULD NOT SPLIT APART. HE SAID WHITE SOUTH AFRICANS STAND TOGETHER WHEN SOUTH AFRICA'S SECURITY IS THREATENED.

IN OTHER NEWS THIS WEEK, CHINESE VICE-PREMIER TENG HSIAO PING CONCLUDED A FOUR-DAY VISIT TO THAILAND. THE CHINESE OFFICIAL AND THAI PRIME MINISTER KRIANGSAK CHAMANAND SIGNED SEVERAL AGREEMENTS ON TRADE AS WELL AS TECHNICAL AND SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION. (OPT) VOA CORRESPONDENT STEVE THOMPSON HAS DETAILS:

TAPE: CUT SEVEN -- THOMPSON:

"UNDER THE TRADE ACCORD, THAILAND WILL BUY MORE THAN EIGHT HUNDRED THOUSAND TONS OF OIL FROM CHINA AT A SPECIAL PRICE. THE SALE WILL BE CONDUCTED ON A GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT BASIS TO KEEP THE PRICE DOWN. THIS SPECIFICATION IS IMPORTANT TO A NATION LIKE THAILAND -- WHICH SPENDS ABOUT ONE-FOURTH OF ITS IMPORT BILL ON OIL. FOLLOWING THE SIGNING CEREMONY, A THAI OFFICIAL SAID THAT DURING TEN TENG-KRIANGSAK TALKS OVER THE PAST FEW DAYS, THAILAND REAFFIRMED ITS POLICY OF NEUTRALITY. THE OFFICIAL SAID THAILAND WILL NOT INTERFERE IN ANYONE'S AFFAIRS. THIS WAS A CLEAR REFERENCE TO THE TROUBLE AMONG THE COMMUNISTS OF INDOCHINA -- SPECIFICALLY THE CAMBODIA-VIETNAM BORDER WAR AND TROUBLE ALONG THE CHINESE-VIETNAMESE FRONTIER." (END OPT)

ANNCR:

THESE ARE SOME OF THE STORIES THAT MADE HEADLINES THIS WEEK. YOUR NARRATOR WAS _____. JOHN US AGAIN NEXT _____ WHEN THE VOICE OF AMERICA TAKES A LOOK AT THE NEXT SEVEN DAYS OF THE WEEK.

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